FISCAL NOTE

HB 2998 - SB 3734

March 4, 2008

SUMMARY OF BILL: Prohibits the registration of a birth certificate for a child of an illegal immigrant mother unless the father is a US citizen and he provides a written agreement for financial support of the child until age 18.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase State Expenditures - \$ 287,800/One-Time \$1,763,200/Recurring

Other Fiscal Impact – According to the Department of Health, the provisions of the bill may jeopardize \$500,000 in federal funds to the state related to contracts for vital statistics and enumeration at birth.

Assumptions:

- The Department of Health (DOH) will be required to verify citizenship status for approximately 90,000 births in the state each year. In order to handle the increase in workload associated with such verification, the department will require 30 additional Vital Record Information Assistants.
- The recurring increase in state expenditures associated with the positions for DOH is estimated to be \$1,337,800. Such increase is for salaries (\$873,000), benefits (\$296,800), printing (\$9,000), office space (\$81,000), phones (\$18,000), office supplies (\$9,000), network connections (\$36,000) and an annual contribution to the equipment replacement fund (\$15,000). One-time increases in state expenditures for office landscaping (\$108,000) and PC's (\$60,000) are estimated to be \$168,000.
- The Department of Health will incur a one-time increase in state expenditures of approximately \$75,000 to make systems changes associated with the provisions of the bill.
- The Department of Human Services (DHS) will have additional administrative duties due to increased client visits and increases in staff time to manually verify birth status. DHS will require eight additional positions to handle the increases.

• The recurring increase in state expenditures associated with the positions for DHS is estimated to be \$425,400. Such increase is for salaries (\$284,000), benefits (\$96,600), printing (\$2,400), office space (\$21,600), phones (\$4,800), office supplies (\$2,400), network connections (\$9,600), and an annual contribution to the equipment replacement fund (\$4,000). One-time increase in state expenditures for office landscaping (\$28,800) and PC's (\$16,000) are estimated to be \$44,800.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

James W. White, Executive Director

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